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Dear Harold,

Sorry that I couldn't get to replying to your letters earlier than this but a lot has happened since I last wrote you. I'm still working out a schedule of radio and TV appearances when you appear here from December 14 to 16.

As it stands now on the fourteeth of December I've scheduled a press conference during the day and the Joe Dolan show (KNEW) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Incidentally, as far as the press conference goes I would suggest that an early morning press conference be held rather than an afternoon one be held. The best time would be about 10 a.m. on December 14. TV stations have told me that it is better for them to have a morning conference than an afternoon one so they can process the video tape in time for evening showing on the news. This will provide more and better coverage area-wide. Otherwise the chances of you being seen on a supper time TV news program is reduced to nil while late TV news programs at 11 p.m. will still be able to see you regardless of when a press conference is held. You can understand that it would be in your interest to have the conference at 10 a.m. (or 11 a.m.). This, of course, would depend on how your plane schedule would work out. You'd have to tie it in so that you would arrive here early the 14th. If you came into S.F. Airport it would take 45 minutes to get downtown and park so keep that in mind. Let me know how this can be arranged.

On the 15th not yet confirmed but quite probably you'll be on the Jim Dunbar (KGO-TV) "A.M. Show" which runs from 6 to 8 a.m. The value of this show is that a lot of early morning commuters who dash off to work catch the program as they sip a cup of coffee. These are the people who should be reached rather than the afternoon TV and radio shows which housewives listen to when they're doing their ironing or cleaning house. After this you will most likely be at Paul Elder's book store in S.F. to autograph books. I think this should run from about 9:45 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m., perhaps longer by a half hour. But since I've scheduled a radio interview show at 11 a.m. in Berkeley it may mean I'll have to move that up to 11:30 a.m. The radio interview will be KPFA-FM which will be a taped program to be reproduced at a later date. It should run for as long as both you and the interviewer can discuss the various points without losing your listening audience. Since the subject matter is one can discuss endlessly I know that you'll be able to hold your own. The longer the show the better I say. Some of these tapes I've heard can run for more than two hours. KPFA-FM is a listener sponsored radio station and its appeal is to a mature and intelligent audience. It is part of Pacifica Broadcasting and has a n outlet in L.A. In New York the station is known as WBAI.

No other programs have been scheduled so far for the rest of the 15th but these are in the process of being worked on. I ran into one difficulty with KCBS and the Harve Morgan show which was supposed to air you on the 14th since they wanted you before Dolan. There is a rivalry between CBS and metromedia(Dolan's) and I felt it was only fair to get you on Dolan first. The producer of the Morgan show said he wouldn't be interested if he couldn't get you first. I'll have to work this out as delicately as I can and see if I can get you on the Morgan show, anyway which runs from 8:35 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

I spoke to Dolan and he is arranging with Paul Elder to have an advanced publicity to push your book and set up an autographing appearance as I suggested. He is writing you on this and will let you know the details. I suggest you send as many copies as you can spare ahead of time to Elder. Dolan is mentioning your new book on his program and will, no doubt, mention your appearance at the book store.

Incidentally, for the forum of the 16th where both you and Ed Keating will be speaking can you arrange to have a bundle of the new (or old) bbok so that it can be sold there also? I'm sure Ramparts will have its November issue for sale that time and you could really do very well if copies were on hand. You can send a bundle to me and I'll see to it that someone sells the copies at the forum. I'll get to the details of the forum later in this letter.

I'll try to list here the rest of the schedule which I outlined in the first page of this letter. Now if Harve Morgan fails to materilize I'll try the Ira Blue Show which runs from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. for Dec. 15. Ira is a staunch defender of the Warren Commission but I'll see if I can get you on. I've heard that he's refused to let Lane appear but that is just hearsay. I think a good idea on my part would be to suggest to him that Liebeler appear together with you and maybe this can get around a ready rejection from him when I call. What do you think? In any event I'll let you know what turns up.

Now on the 16th I have definitely arranged a 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. TV taping session with Bob Pusey, Jr. of the KPIX-TV "Tow" show. KPIX is the CBS television station. Actually you'll only be on for about 15 minutes in this program which runs a half hour. It will be aired at a later date. Pusey asked me to ask you to concentrate on saying something that will not have been said on any other show since he said that he doesn't want to present something a week or two later whic has already been aired. He explained to me that if you presented old material repeated the station would not decide to use it. I told Pusey I would ask you to keep this in mind for his program so if you have something of dramatic import and want to hold back on it I suggest you do it for this program.

Now after this 3 to 3:30 taping I'm working out the arrangements for another program from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at KPIX-TV with the "John Bartholomew Tucker Program". This will be live and there should be no problems.

At 8 p.m. on the 16th you'll be speaking together with Keating and myself. I'll act as chairman and will introduce both speakers. the forum is called: "Who Killed Kennedy" and leaflets are being made up and notices sent to all the media. The sponsors are the Militant Labor Forum with Sylvia Weinstein co-ordinating (you spoke to her on the phone).

It would be very helpful if you could send me some glossy prints of photos of yourself. This would be helpful for advertising purposes and for pictures appearing in the papers announcing your talk. Send as many as you can spare.

You mentioned slides in your letter. I had Dave Lifton give a slide demonstration at my course and it was very well received. Are you interested in having any equipment such as projectors for the Friday 8 p.m. talk?

I would also like to keep posted about others who are arranging tours for you. What I'm most interested in is the kind of publicity they are employing and the leaflets, posters, press releases being sent out. This would be helpful for me so that I can arrange to have similar things done. I've had experience in the past in arranging tours but I can always refer to a better leaflet or some publicity gimmick that someone else has come up with. Can you have whoever is working on this send me copies?

As for money for your flight I'll make out a check very soon. I'm still raising money through various means and you will get this shortly. Of course, if you would rather wait until you get here before receiving it this would be a better way of handling it.

Just to interrupt I heard over the radio tonight Drew Pearson. He is among the staunchest of the Warren Commission defenders. He mentioned three reasons why critics of the Warren Commission should be knocked down. First, he said Bobby Kennedy was Attorney General during the time of his brother's death and he would have no reason not to investigate fully his brother's death. Second, he said the Republicans who served on the Commission as members, would have no reason to cover up and for a Democratic regime. Third: he said that Mark Lane presented his material before the Commission and uttered "extreme statements" for which he could have been held for contempt. Pearson asked: Now, who is the American people to judge Mark Lane, an unknown lawyer, or the seven men of the Warren Commission who have "dedicated their lives to public service" ? This is very clever propaganda on the part of the defenders of the Warren Commission and you can look for other comments, I am sure, in the future form what appears to be a concerted effort of certain journalists to cast aspersions on the motives and integrity of critics such as yourself and Lane. Not once have I ever come across a single refutation of any detail mentioned in your book. Since they cannot do that they rely on the "ad hominem" argument, a lawyer's cheap trick to bamboozle the American public. This time though the American people are beginning to question and the doubts are still there, regardless of the defenders of the Warren Report.

You mentioned the Merriman Smith letter reply to critics and his "error" he corrected, which appeared in the Washington Post on Nov. 24. Can you send me a copy of this? I am going to use this for news releases that will be sent out on your coming tour.

Incidentally, you asked me in one of your letters about a copy of Smith's article on Nov. 22, 1963 where he mentions that Connally was hit in the head, and wrist. You can find this in a magzine called "91 American Newspaper Front Pages recording Nov.22, 23, 24 & 25" published by MMR Publications, Inc.,21 West 26th St., New York, New York. It sells for $1 and is a very valuable work for researchers. I suggest that you airmail rush a letter off and get this as fast as you can. You won't regret it. The work was compiled by UPI. Smith's stories appear several times. I'm sending you a copy of a front page story by Smith on his statement about Connally. The introduction is written by Smith ("The Murder of the Young President") who says the Pres. was "possibly as much as 150 or 200 yards ahead" of him. What's going on with this guy?

Well, I guess this is all for now. I'll tell you more when I see you. If you can send me a copy of the new book way in advance. I will not reveal any of the contents or publish excerpts unless I get the OK from you. Please keep me posted of your plans, in any event.

Best,
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